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GEMS garments

An order form is enclosed. We will place an order when we have 20 or more items ordered (currently 8).

Werribee Zoo

30 people are going on this safari into the depths of darkest Werribee on Sunday the 29th of November. The cost will be \$12.60 (Adult), \$9.50 (Student, Pensioner or Health Care Cardholder), \$6.30 (Child 3-14). These prices apply to groups of 20 or more people. However, we don't need to all arrive together. Just tell them you are with the *GEMS* group. It would help if you wear your GEMS jacket or shirt. You will get entrance to the Zoo from 9am to 5pm, access to the nature walks, bistro, visitors' centre displays, etc. and a 1-hour bus tour of the free-range animal area. The bus tours leave every 20 minutes between 10am and 3:30pm. We will be having a BYO BBQ lunch at the DIY (wood supplied) BBQs in the grounds of the adjoining Werribee Mansion. Pass-outs are available at the Zoo gate. Note that your Zoo entry fee does NOT include entry to the Mansion itself.

1998 Annual General Meeting

This will be on Monday the 7th of December at 1st Elwood Scout Hall, 85 Ormond Road, Elwood. We are assured that you will be able to find a park somewhere within a 5 or 10 km radius, possibly on Beach Road (???), but it would be wise to share the driving, preferably with someone young and fit who doesn't mind a bit of a walk after dropping you off. We will be having a Spit Roast with hot potatoes, salads and dessert. The cost will be \$14 per head, BYO drinks and glasses. Don't miss a fun night with lots of fascinating reports -hear all about the exciting things you were unable to attend, and recall the quirky events of those you came to. You will also here about *GEMS*' financial position (sound-ish), membership (healthy) and future plans (rivetting). Don't miss it!.

3rd Annual Tardis Disk Bowls Championship

This will be held on New Year's Day 1999. Don't miss this either! Join Rob in the Spa.

A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum

We are once again into theatre bookings, now under the direction of our newly appointed assistant executive deputy director (theatre groups), Elaine Nichols. There are 30 tickets available, for Friday the 15th of January 1999 at 7:30pm at the State Theatre. Your cheque for \$48 per ticket MUST REACH US by the 12th of November. First in best seated so to speak and no extension of time is possible. Late payments will be returned so do it now!

Hit and Giggle golf day

This will now most likely take place at Tarwin Lower. Dave Hanna has kindly taken responsibility for the arrangements. Persons with any degree of skill at the game will be expected to do their best to conceal it.

Car trial

This is a treasure hunt on wheels. Planning is at the "what a good idea" stage.

Red Centre expedition

Plans for this are in the care of an active subcommittee. There will be a general meeting of interested members early in 1999 to discuss various options.

Please let us know if there is any other event you would like us to organize, and indicate your interest in our planned events on the enclosed booking form.

All money MUST be received by the due dates. Overdue payments *may* be returned (eventually). **PLEASE PAY THE CORRECT AMOUNT** as overpayments complicate our bookwork.

Thank you for your support. Your lucky number is 2394857

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Please make cheques payable to *GEMS*

Booking Form

#	Description	Date	Cost	Notify by	Pay By	no.
14.	Werribee Zoo	29/11/98	See text	12/11/98	At gate	
15.	Annual General Meeting	7/12/98	\$14.00	12/11/98	24/11/98	
16.	Tardis Disk Bowls Championships	1/1/99	tba	9/12/98	tba	
17.	A Funny Thing Happened On The Way	15/1/99	\$48.00	12/11/98	12/11/98	

Expressions of Interest In Future Events - NOTE - Details may change.

#	Description	Date	Cost	Notify by	Pay By	no.
tba	Hit and Giggle Golf Day	Feb '99	tba	tba	tba	
tba	Car Trial	Apr '99	tba	tba	tba	
tba	Mee Ging / MGS	Jun '99	tba	tba	tba	
tba		Aug '99				
tba		Oct '99				
tba	Annual General Meeting	Dec '99	tba	tba	tba	
tba		Feb '00				
tba	Red Centre Expedition	Apr '00	\$2k-\$3k	soon	bits	
tba	King Island	tba	moderate	tba	tba	

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